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SUBJECT: DIAKITE'S COMMENTS ON BAUXITE TAX AND CBG SITUATION

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1. DURING JANUARY 17 MEETING WITH MOUSSA DIAKITE,
MINISTER OF INTERIOR DOMAIN
AND CHIEF OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WITH AMERICAS,
I RAISED QUESTION OF CBG SITUATION AND REMARKED THAT NEW TAX
ON BAUXITE CAME SOMEWHAT AS A SURPRISE. DIAKITE SAID THAT TAX SHOULD
NOT HAVE SURPRISED CBG BECAUSE PRESIDENT HAD SPOKEN OF NEED FOR
SUCH MEASURES BEFORE. DIAKITE SAID THAT GUINEANS HAD REQUESTED
THAT NEXT CBG BOARD MEETING BE DELAYED UNTIL LATE FEBRUARY.
WHEN I ASKED IF PRICE INCREASES AND THE NEW TAX WOULD BE DISCUSSED
AT THE BOARD MEETING, DIAKITE SAID THAT THE NEW TAX LAW WOULD
BE DISCUSSED ONLY AS TO HOW IT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BUT "A LAW
IS A LAW." (CBG'S POSITION, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL, IS THAT
THE APPLICABILITY OF THE LAW TO CBG WILL HAVE TO BE STUDIED IN
THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT CONTRACTS GOVERNING CBG).

2. WHEN I ASKED IF THE NEW TAX WAS NOT FORBIDDEN UNDER TERMS
OF CURRENT CBG CONTRACTS, DIAKITE SAID THAT THIS NEW TAX WAS
DIFFERENT AND DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE PROSCRIBED IN THE
CONTRACT.

3. DIAKITE SAID DISCUSSION OF PRICE INCREASES AT FEBRUARY MEETING
WOULD BE ALONG LINES OF PROPOSAL FOR SMALL PRICE INCREASES
PRESENTED BY THE FOREIGN PARTNERS. HOWEVER, GUINEA'S POSITION
WOULD OF COURSE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE
ASSOCIATION.

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